

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ---- REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 24, 2015

PRESENT: Commissioners Peter Cross, Ben Perry, Dennis Sullivan, Victor Skende, Demetrius Atsalis and Chief Brunelle.

Chairman Cross called the meeting to order at 7 pm. A moment of silence was observed in memory of former Commissioner Joseph Chilli.

1. MINUTES: The minutes of September 10, 2015 were unanimously approved as printed, on a motion by Sullivan, seconded by Atsalis.
2. PUBLIC COMMENT: Allen Goddard commented on the recent meeting of the town Council at which the issue of homeless was discussed. The Police Chief outlined the costs of service incurred by the police department. He encouraged the Fire Department to be more active in presenting the department's case. Cross pointed out that Councilors Cullum and Dagwan spoke to the financial costs incurred by the Hyannis FD for EMS services to the homeless. Laura Cronin asked if copies of minutes are on web site and how might she be able to obtain them. The minutes are not on web site as yet but eventually will be. The Clerk will make copies available.
3. STREET LIGHTS: Atsalis reported that he had investigated the request for a street light on Oak View Terrace. He did not feel a light was warranted at this time. Skende inquired about an outstanding request made by BID for a light in area of Centerville Cleaners. Atsalis will follow up.
4. OLD BUSINESS: None.
5. NEW BUSINESS:
 - a. PILOT: Atsalis has spoken with Henri Rauschenbach to set up meeting with Cape Cod Healthcare executive Lauf. Atsalis said that the HB 2584 has been before Legislature in the past and he was skeptical that it would pass. Cross has spoken with the President of the Mass League of Cities and Towns about the bill. He said we need to continue to work toward

getting our fair share of the port tax. The current status in Town Hall is not helpful at this time.

- b. Hyannis Port Fire House: Following discussion with Paul Griffin, Cross had expected Ciluzzi would be present at tonight's meeting to update us on the progress being made to market the building.
 - c. New Fire House: Report by Kaestle Boos is due on 1 October will give us a clear idea of feasibility of incorporating the old building into the new fire house. Cross stated that people are asking him when will we get a new fire house built. Cross had asked Paul Griffin for a cost update on the Oak Bluffs Station. It had been reported that the cost would be \$330 a square foot. The cost will be \$550 per square foot when completed and will have bunk space for two fire fighters. At the October 8th meeting we should make decision on what direction to take . We will need to authorize further plans that can be used to obtain solid estimate of building costs. We only have schematic design at this time. Perry suggested that we hold Workshop prior to the October 8th meeting to discuss the K-B report. The Chair will call such a meeting as soon as we have that report.
 - c. Financials: The Chair requested that in the future there be more specificity in budget line items. He mentioned the Commissioner Expense as an area needing clarification. Items such as legal fees should be listed. He questioned why the cost for testing and budget for new highers were charged to Commissioners Expense. Skende raised questions relative to the Overtime Budget and whether it was in line with other departments and whether adding personnel might decrease the amount of overtime. The Chief stated the overtime budget was in line with other departments. There are no simple solutions and the department relies on off duty personnel to maintain a level of service that the community expects. The Chief is available to meet with Commissioners to answer any questions or concerns. Cross said we need to be able to explain budget items such as overtime and commissioners expense to the public. They need to know where the dollars go.
6. CHIEF'S AGENDA: The Chief encouraged that the newer members of the commission take the opportunity to meet with him if they have questions on the budget. In response to a question about status of the new aerial tower, he discussed the steps being taken at the fire house to design the apparatus and thanked the volunteer efforts of our department personnel. He will provide us with periodic update.
7. PUBLIC COMMENT: Linda Rowell asked what was the amount being submitted to Town Hall for the tax levy. Cross stated that the budget for FY

2016 is \$11,403,775. The amount to be raised is the budget minus the amount from free cash that was approved at the District meeting. Mike Dalmau spoke to the overtime budget and clarified the use of overtime with in the department. The concern is that the level of staffing provides for the safety of the fire fighters and the community at large.

8. ADJOURN: The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Victor Skende
Clerk